



## **Aerial Tanker Site Selection Fact Sheet**

**Purpose:** EADS North America will select a site for a Military Modification and Assembly Line (MMAL) for the production of aerial refueling aircraft in the United States. The site will be the center of industrial activity for the KC-330 advanced tanker aircraft program, which the company plans to offer the U.S. Air Force.

This process will begin with the establishment of the Airbus Long-Range Aircraft Engineering Center to support commercial aircraft engineering needs, including the A330, A340 and A350.

**Scope:** A site selection Request for Information (RFI) was issued to governors and congressional delegations of all 50 states on January 12, 2005. This selection process will be managed by The Staubach Company.

**Schedule:** An "information day" for all interested parties will be held in Washington, D.C. on February 15. RFI responses are due March 30, 2005. Requests for Proposal (RFPs) will be issued during 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2005. RFP responses will be due in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2005. A down-select, site visits, negotiations and final site selection are expected by the end of 2005.

**Site Criteria:** Primary selection criteria include large runways (min. 9,000 ft.); 1.5+ million square feet of production, hangar and office space; strong infrastructure; easy access to rail and road, and a means of large volume transport to a deep-water seaport.

**Engineering Center:** The Center is expected to employ 50 people by the end of 2006 and 150 by the end of 2008.

**Additional Information:** See [www.usatanker.com](http://www.usatanker.com) and [www.eadsnorthamerica.com](http://www.eadsnorthamerica.com).

For details on the site selection Request for Information, see the special Website of The Staubach Company, a national real estate firm headquartered in Dallas, Texas, which is managing the site selection process. The Website address is: <https://partners.staubach.com/sites/eads>. When accessing the Website, a window will pop-up with areas for the User Name, Password, and Domain. (*Note: not all operating systems will ask for the domain.*) The correct way to enter this information is as follows: User Name: staubachext\eads.eads. Password: tanker. Domain: (leave blank if provided). Once the information is entered, the site can be accessed.

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